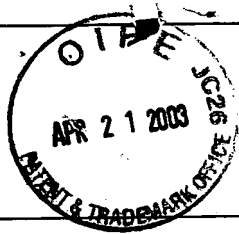


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Transmitted herewith is an Amendment for entry in the above-identified application.

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**AMENDMENT**

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This amendment is filed in response to the Office Action of December 23, 2002 in connection with the above-captioned application. Please amend the above-captioned application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please amend claims 4, 8, 17 and 18, without prejudice, as follows:

4. (Amended) A device for contacting an electrically operated apparatus, comprising:

at least one terminal contact on a side of the apparatus, the at least one terminal contact being oriented parallel to an installation direction of the apparatus; and

a plug for connecting axially to the at least one terminal contact, the plug including at least one sleeve contact, the at least one sleeve contact and the at least one terminal contact being adapted to be assembled together parallel to the installation direction, wherein the at least one sleeve contact includes two concentric sleeve contacts and the at least one terminal contact includes two concentric terminal contacts, the two concentric sleeve contacts connecting to the two concentric terminal contacts, wherein the terminal contacts have two contact plates bent into a cylindrical shape and situated on an end of a casing of the apparatus.